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Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 2:28 PM
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Subject: FW: letter to SMMUSD

Katy, please see my e-mail to Jennifer De Nicole below. She asked similar questions. With regard to your first question I could answer it but it is better that you speak with our Toxicologist, Patrick Wilson, next week. Patrick can be reached at the electronic address in this e-mail or by phone at 415-972-3354.

Thanks.

Hi Mitch,

I am not sure if Steve Armann or you can help me, but my name is Katy Lapajne, and I am a teacher at MHS. I am concerned because some teachers are returning to teach in classrooms that are currently not being cleaned using Best Management Practices. At least one of the rooms is a room that tested over 50 and needs the caulk removed. Since the deep cleaning was done in December, it has now been almost 2 months since real cleaning has occurred.

Here are three questions:

1. Is it safe for teachers to be in these rooms even though BMPs are not being followed? In fact, little vacuuming is occurring if any at all. And little dusting, if any, is being done or has been done in about 2 months. Also, custodians have been known to sweep rather than vacuum.
2. Could you please reiterate to Sandra Lyon that hepa vacuuming and wet cloth dusting should be implemented on a regular basis?
3. And what is meant by "regular basis?"

Thanks for your help. Much information seems to get muddled in the process of being communicated to teachers. I would really appreciate it if you could just give me some direct, straight forward answers to my 3 questions. We all just want to do what is right for kids and for ourselves.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: letter to SMMUSD

Jennifer, It is my understanding that the District has publicly stated their intention to implement District wide cleaning. In fact, I mention it in my January 27, 2014 letter to Ms. Lyon. However, since I don't have any documentation of their plans, I believe it is better that you discuss this issue directly with the District.

Thanks.

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Subject: letter to SMMUSD

Dear Steve:

The teachers at MHS have alerted me and asked me to email you. They are very concerned that the EPA cleaning suggestions have not been implemented nor has the entire campus been tested and yet they teachers and students are in classrooms. The understanding is that "Best Management Practices (BMP)" is to prevent exposure to the teachers and students.

On Nov 21st, 2013 the EPA recommended the school district to implement BMP after learning that PCBs on campus exceeded 50PPM.

With the exception of the "special" cleaning done over winter break in 17 of approx 60 rooms, best management practice have not been implemented. Rooms have not been cleaned, the district does not have a HEPA vacuums, in fact, MHS sent it's vacuums to the district for repair in the beginning of the school year, and they have not

been returned. There has been no training and in fact the custodians have not even been told anything about BMPs.

They wanted you to know this so you better understand the situation. It has been 2.5 months and BMP has not been implemented to reduce exposure while awaiting testing and remediation.

In addition, would you explain what "frequently" means as used in Best Practices Cleaning? We are all not sure of how "often" this means.

Thank you in advance for your answers.

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